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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JULY 6

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SOVIET PRESS JULY 3-6:

--U.S. BICENTENNIAL COVERAGE IS MODERATE IN VOLUME, AND, ON BALANCE, MORE FAVORABLE THAN USUAL U.S. COVERAGE;
--JULY 3 POLITBURO STATEMENT ON ECPC (SEPTTEL) SETS PACE FOR HEAVY COVERAGE, EXEMPLIFIED BY TWO COLUMN JULY 5 PRAVDA EDITORIAL (REPRINTED IN NEXT EDITION IN IZVESTIYA/KRASNAYA ZVEZDA) WHICH ACCENTS UNITY OF LEADERSHIP AND MARXIST-LENINIST ORTHODOXY. LENGTHY PRAVDA JULY 6 ARTICLE ON LENINIST VIEW OF IMPERIALISM BY I. SOKOLOV FIRMLY SITUATES ECPC RESULTS IN FRAMEWORK OF IDEOLOGICAL ORTHODOXY;
--PRAVA JULY 2 CARRIES FAVORABLE TASS REPORT ON FRG RESPONSE TO SOVIET NOTE OF MAY 22, AND BLITHELY CONSIGNS UNFAVORABLE ASPECTS OF FRG STATEMENT TO FINAL, VAGUE PARAGRAPH ON "WELL-KNOWN UNREALISTIC POSITIONS" OF FRG. JULY 4 PRAVA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY STANISLAV ZYUBONOV DISCUSSES FRG INTERNAL SECURITY LAWS AND ENDS WITH ELLIPTICAL WARNING THAT ANTI-COMMUNIST MEASURES IN FRG COULD HARM GERMAN-SOVIET RELATIONS;
--GENERALLY GLOWING COVERAGE OF FRANCO-SOVIET GRANDE COMMISSION MEETING IN PARIS LAST WEEK IS REFLECTED
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IN JULY 6 PRAVDA COMMENTARY BY YURI KHARTONOV;
--JULY 5 CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES LONG TASS REPORT ON GIEREK'S SPEECH IN KATOWICE, ALREADY ON RADIO JULY 4, WHICH STRESSES NEED FOR WORKERS' DISCIPLINE AND DISCUSSES THE PRICE PROBLEM IN POLAND, BUT DOES NOT MENTION RECENT TURBULENCE;
--ON MIDDLE EAST, JULY 5-6 CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS JULY 5 ARRIVAL OF SYRIAN DEP. PM AND FON MIN KHADDAN

FOR TALKS WITH GROMYKO, AND WEEKEND PRESS BEINGS TO
FUDGE EARLIER INDIRECT CRITICISM OF SYRIAN INTERVENTION;
JULY 4 PRAVDA "INTERNATIONAL REVIEW" COLUMN REPEATS
SOVIET LITANY ON LEBANESE SITUATION, BUT CALLS FOR SOLUTION
OF CRISIS BY "PEACEFUL MEANS, ABOVE ALL BY LEBANESE THEM-
SELVES," I.E., NOT ONLY BY LEBANESE;
--ON AFRICA, IZVESTIYA JULY 5 MENTIONS JULY 6 IMPEN-
DING ARRIVAL OF GOVERNMENT DELEGATIONS FROM ETHIOPIA LED
BY PMAC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MOGES WOLDE-MIKAEL;
COVERAGE OF OAU XIII SESSION INCLUDES BRIEF MENTION OF
ANTI-U.S. REMARKS OF UGANDAN DELEGATE. ISRAELI RAID
ON ENTEBBE AIRPORT HAS SO FAR BEEN PLAYED FAIRLY STRAIGHT;
JULY 3 IZVESTIYA FRONT-PAGES TEXT OF PODGORNYY-KOSYGIN
LETTER TO CHAIRMAN OF OAU SESSION FEATURING TOUGH, SOMEWHAT
DEFENSIVE LINE ON ANGOLA AND NATIONAL LIBERATION IN ZIMBABWE,
NAMIBIA "AND SOUTH AFRICA;"
--IZVESTIYA JULY 1 HAD SENTENCE ON WILLINGNESS OF
PRESIDENT OF NEW REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES ISLANDS TO
ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN HIS COUNTRY AND
SOVIET UNION;
--ON CHINA, JULY 3 KRASNAYA ZVEZDA PIECE BY G. MOS'KO
CHECKS OFF USUAL ANTI-MAOIST LAUNDRY LIST, BUT ALSO LAYS
HEAVY AND EXPLICIT STRESS ON WESTERN (INCLUDING ROLLS
ROYCE) ARMS ASSISTANCE TO PRC; "CERTAIN CIRCLES IN U.S.,
IN PARTICULAR FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER"
GET SPECIAL MENTION; PRAVDA'S JULY 6 PEKING CORNER DIS-
CUSSES PARTY PURGES IN PRC;
--JULY 3 PRAVDA CARRIES SHARP, WORRIED COMMENTARY ON FRASER AND
AUSTRALIA BY V. KALININ, AND SAME-DAY IZVESTIYA "COMMENTARY"
BY V. KONDRASHOV ON "VAST" NETWORK OF U.S. ASIAN MILITARY BASES,
HITS DIEGO GARCIA CONSTRUCTION, "ACTIVATION" OF ANZUS, TAKES
HARD LINE ON U.S. MILITARY COOPERATION WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW
ZEALAND, AND IS HOPEFUL ON OUTCOME OF CURRENT U.S.-
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PHILIPPINE MILITARY NEGOTIATIONS;
--JULY 3 PRESS ANNOUNCES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO-
MATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN USSR AND WESTERN SAMOA AT EMBASSY
LEVEL;
--PRESS COVERAGE OF PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT'S EXTRA-
ORDINARY MEASURES TO DEAL WITH INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES IS
DISTINCTLY FAVORABLE WITH NOTABLE CAVEAT IN JULY 4 PRAVDA
OF REPORTED REMARKS OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF CC CP PERU,
PRADO (SEPTEL).

2. U.S. BICENTENNIAL COVERAGE IS MODERATE IN VOLUME AND
RATHER FAVORABLE IN TONE. REPORT ON AMBASSADOR'S JULY 4 TV
REMARKS CARRIED IN ALL CENTRAL PRESS AND SQUIB ON SPASO JULY
5 RECEPTION CARRIED IN JULY 6 PRAVDA. JULY 4 PRAVDA COMMENTARY
BY CC SECRETARIAT FUNCTIONARY N. MOSTOVETS (WRITING AS

ACADEMICIAN) AFFIRMS U.S. REVOLUTION WAS PROGRESSIVE FOR ITS
TIME, SEES TWO PATHS FOR U.S. TO TAKE IN FUTURE-- CONSERVATIVE
OR DEMOCRATIC-- AND IS NOT PESSIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS. IZVESTIYA JULY
5 COMMENTARY BY U.S.-BASED SPECIAL CORRES-
PONDENT V. KOBYSH STARTS CHEERFUL BUT ENDS WITH PROBLEMS.
BRIEF KRASNAYA ZVEZDA COVERAGE IS MORE HOSTILE THAN THAT IN
PRAVDA, IZVESTIYA.
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